STATE OF CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION (Pro publication of Notice Statement)

(Pre-publication of Notice Statement)

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I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: July 16, 2007

II. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

(a) Notice Hearing: Date: August 10, 2007

Location: Santa Barbara, CA

(b) Discussion Hearing: Date: October 12, 2007

Location: Concord, CA

(c) Adoption Hearing: Date: November 2, 2007

Location: Sacramento, CA

III. Description of Regulatory Action:

(a) Statement of Specific Purpose of Regulation Change and Factual Basis for Determining that Regulation Change is Reasonably Necessary:

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None.

(d) Identification of Reports or Documents Supporting Regulation Change:

None.

(e) Public Discussions of Proposed Regulations Prior to Notice Publication:

No public meetings are being held prior to the notice publication.

- IV. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:
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No alternatives were identified.

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The no change alternative would leave existing regulations in place with inconsistent report card regulations, limited fishery monitoring for critical species, and ongoing enforcement issues.

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In view of the information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

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The proposed regulatory action will have no negative impact on the environment. Therefore, no mitigation is necessary.

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None.

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None.

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(g) Costs Imposed to Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4:

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